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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: KAPUUNO FUNERAL

1. CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNO WAS BURIED AS PLANNED OT OKAHANJA
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9, IN A CEREMONY WHICH LASTED SEVEN HOURS.
A CROWD ESTIMATED BY THE PRESS AT 10,000, BUT IN FACT
CLOSER TO 2,000 WAS ADDRESSED BY EIGHTEEN SPEAKERS,
INCLUDING ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN AND VARIOUS
REPRESENTATIVES OF DTA, THE HERERO COUNCIL OF CHIEFS,
AND KAPUUNO'S OWN POLITICAL PARTY, THE NATIONAL UNITED
DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION. AN UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE AND
ADDRESS WAS MADE BY AMERICAN PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN JACK SUMMERS
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OF PSYCOMM, NEW YORK, WHO HAD A LONG ASSOCIATION
WITH KAPUUNO. THE SPEAKERS GENERALLY CONFINED THEMSELVES TO
EULOGIES AND CALLS FOR PEACE AND THE UNITY OF NAMIBIANS.
THE GATHERING FOR THE MOST PART DID NOT TAKE ON STRONG POLITICAL
OVERTONES.

2. THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE, DCM HARVEY NELSON,

WAS WELL RECEIVED AT THE FUNERAL AND AT A CALL ON THE FAMILY, AND WAS THE ONLY DIPLOMAT OR OFFICIAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FUNERAL.

3. THE APRIL 8 FUNERAL PROCESSION FROM WINDHOEK'S KATUTURA TOWNSHIP TO OKAHANJA WAS MARRED BY VIOLENCE IN WHICH FIVE PERSONS DIED. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, AS THE PROCESSION PASSED THE OVAMBO HOSTELS ON ITS WAY OUT OF KATUTURA, STONE THROWING BROKE OUT BETWEEN OVAMBO ONLOOKERS AND HEREROS IN THE PROCESSION, FOLLOWING WHICH HERERO "RED GUARDS" OPENED FIRE AND KILLED FIVE OVAMBOS. WE HAVE RECEIVED VARYING REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT, WITH EACH SIDE BLAMING THE OTHER FOR STARTING THE STONE-THROWING. SABC REPORTED ONLY THAT THE SHOTS WERE FIRED BY "TROUBLE-MAKERS." THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL, IN A SINGLE SENTENCE OF HIS FUNERAL ADDRESS, BLAMED SWAPO FOR THE INCIDENT.
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